C introduction

Operators

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Overview

Each time you type in a value or a variable, it gets evaluated as an expression. You can use operators to make new expressions out of existing ones.

Got the idea?

Operators are for calculations, comparisons and more.



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- ▶ +, -, *, / as all of you should know
- % is the modulo (remainder) operator
- *, /, % get evaluated before +, -
- Operations in () are of higher precedence

Something to try out and think about:



- ► Variables may overflow
- ▶ You shall not devide integers by zero
- ▶ Integer division differs from floating point division
- You can use operators between different data types
 - mixing different sizes
 - mixing integer and floating point variables

```
int i1 = 42, i2 = 23; short s = 13; float f = 3.14;  
i1 / i2;    /* results in 1, not a real division */ i1 + s;    /* int and short, result is int */ i1 / f;    /* result is float, actual division */
```



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As you have seen, you can use any expression on the right side of the assignment operator.

This expression often contains the variable it is assigned to.

To avoid redundancy, C offers the following short forms:

```
a += 4; /* a = a + 4; */
a = 4; /* a = a - 4; */
a *= b;   /* a = a * b; */
c++; /* c = c + 1; */
++c; /* c = c + 1; */
c--; /* c = c - 1; */
--c: /* c = c - 1: */
```



Operators 6/13 Expressions can also be evaluated to truth values.

If a value or a variable equals 0, its corresponding truth value is false.

Otherwise it's true.

The representations of true and false are 0 and 1.

An expression containing relational operators gets evaluated to such a truth value.

Relational operators:

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Logical operators

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- ▶ 1 == 1 is true $\rightarrow 1$

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Assignments are expressions that get evaluated and have a truth value, too. Consider:

c++ expressions are evaluated before the increment while ++c increments first (the same applies on c-- and --c):



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Boolean arithmetic

Truth values can be connected by boolean operators resulting in a new truth value.

- ▶ && for AND (results in 1 if both operands are true, else 0)
- ▶ || for OR (results in 1 if at least one operator is true, else 0)
- ▶ ! for NOT (results in 1 if the operand is false, else 0)

Precedence order:



Seems logic

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```
int a, b;
```

Calculator Light

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- Write a program that asks the user for two decimal numbers and prints their sum, difference, product, integer quotient and remainder.
- **Experts**: Implement a "real" division instead.



Exercise O

Geometry

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- ▶ Write a program that asks for a radius and calculates the area of the corresponding circle. (Let's assume $\pi == 3.14$)
- **Experts**: ask for an additional number. Print 1, if the area is below that number, else print zero.